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| For: PROGRAMMABLE OPTICAL VECTOR        | : |                        |
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| COHERENT OPTICAL COMMUNICATION          | : |                        |

**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 16, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows. This Amendment is submitted in "Revised Format".